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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

5 1. A method for recording and indexing television
programs on video recording media comprising:

 storing a plurality of television program listings
in memory, each television program listing including data
indicative of the title, channel and start time for at least
10 one television program;

 recording on the video recording media a television
program corresponding to one of the plurality of television
program listings; and

 storing the title from the memory corresponding to
15 the recorded television program in a directory of programs
recorded on the video recording media.

 2. The method of claim 1 wherein storing the title
20 further comprises storing data indicative of a location on the
video recording media at which the television program is
recorded.

 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the storing of the
25 title in the directory of programs recorded on the video
recording media comprises storing the title in a memory
separate from the video recording media.

30 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the storing of the
title in the directory of programs recorded on the video
recording media comprises storing the title on the video
recording media separate from the television program.

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5 5. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 displaying on a display monitor a plurality of
program listings stored in memory;
 selecting one of the displayed program listings for
recording;

10 6. The method of claim 5 wherein selecting comprised
providing a movable cursor on the display monitor and moving
the cursor on the monitor to select one of the displayed
program listings.

15 7. The method of claim 1, in which storing a plurality
of television program listings comprising storing the
plurality of television program listings in one section of
memory.

20 8. The method of claim 7, in which the directory is
stored in a second section of memory.

25 9. A system for recording and indexing television
programs on video recording media comprising:

 a listings memory in which a plurality of television
program listings is stored, each television program listing
including data indicative of the title, channel and start time
30 for at least one television program;

 a video recorder that records a television program
corresponding to one of the plurality of television program
listings onto video recording media; and

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 a directory data store that receives the title from
the listings memory corresponding to the recorded television
5 program.

 10. The system of claim 9 wherein the directory data
store further receives data from the video recorder indicative
10 of the location at which the television program was recorded.

 11. The system of claim 10 wherein the directory data
store comprises the video recording media wherein the data
indicative of the location at which the television program was
15 recorded is stored separate from the television program
recorded on the video recording media.

 12. The system of claim 9 wherein the directory data
20 store comprises memory separate from the video recording
media.

 13. The system of claim 9 wherein the directory data
store comprises the listings memory.
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 14. The system of claim 9, further comprising a single
memory that comprises a first section comprising the listings
memory and a second section comprising the directory data
30 store.

 15. The system of claim 9 further comprising:
 a display generator that renders a display of a
plurality of program listings stored in memory; and
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 an input for receiving the selection of at least one
of the displayed program listings for recording.

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 16. The system of claim 15 wherein the display generator
further renders a movable cursor on the display monitor and
the input further receives commands to move the cursor on the
display monitor to select at least one of the displayed
10 program listings.

 17. A system for recording and indexing television
programs on video recording media comprising:

15 listings means for storing a plurality of television
program listings, each television program listing including
data indicative of the title, channel and start time for at
least one television program;

20 video recording means for recording a television
program corresponding to one of the plurality of television
program listings onto video recording media; and

 directory means for storing the title from the
listings means corresponding to the recorded television
25 program.

 18. The system of claim 17 wherein the directory means
further receives data from the video recording means
30 indicative of the location at which the television program was
recorded.

 19. The system of claim 18 wherein the directory means
comprises the video recording media wherein the data
35 indicative of the location at which the television program was

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recorded is stored separate from the television program
recorded on the video recording media.

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20. The system of claim 17 wherein the directory means
comprises memory separate from the video recording media.

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21. The system of claim 17 wherein the directory means
comprises the listings memory.

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22. The system of claim 17, further comprising a single
memory means that comprises a first section comprising the
listings means and a second section comprising the directory
means.

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23. The system of claim 17 further comprising:
display means for generating a display of a
plurality of program listings stored in memory; and
input means for receiving the selection of at least
one of the displayed program listings for recording.

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24. The system of claim 23 wherein the display means
further generates the display of a movable cursor on the
display monitor and the input means further receives commands
to move the cursor on the display monitor to select at least
one of the displayed program listings.

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